

Igor nears Bermuda as Category 1 hurricane

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HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP)

— Fierce waves pounded the breakwaters and shores of Bermuda on Sunday, straining yacht moorings and battering oceanfront hotels as Hurricane Igor lashed the wealthy British enclave.

Bermudians battened down their homes in pelting rain to wait out Igor, a Category 1 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph (130 kph). Some storm-seasoned islanders ventured outside to gawk at the 15-foot (5-meter) surf or to triple-tie boat moorings even as officials warned them to stay indoors.

“We are urging residents to please go home and stay in until it is all over,” said government spokeswoman Beverle Lottimore.

Those who did venture outside were met with howling winds, and gusts of hurricane force were reported by midday.

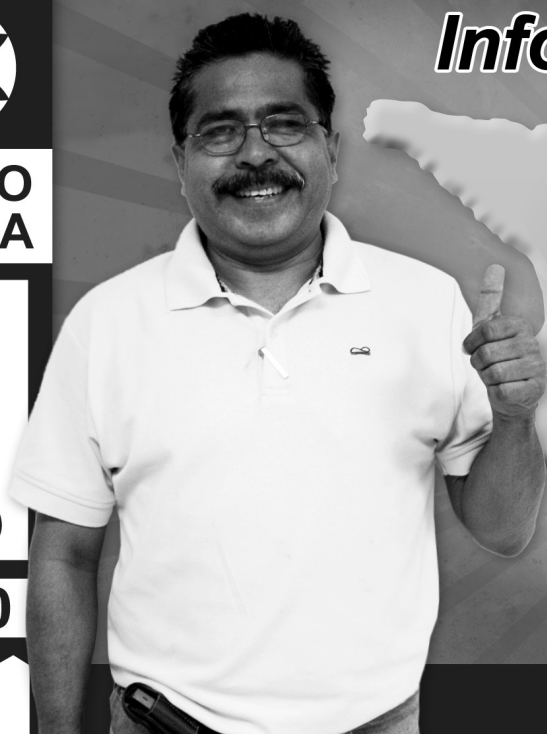
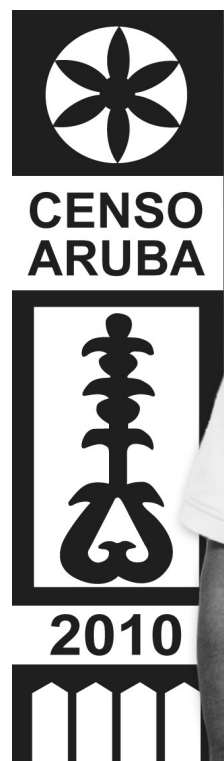
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BP well Dead at last



Fire boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the off shore oil rig Deepwater Horizon, off Louisiana, in this April 21, 2010, handout file photo. With a final shot of cement, BP Plc permanently “killed” the runaway Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico that had unleashed the worst oil spill in U.S. history, the top U.S. spill official said on September 19, 2010. The well flowed unchecked for 87 days after an April 20 explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon rig killed 11 workers and unleashed a torrent of oil that marred the coasts of four Gulf Coast states and spurred a moratorium on all new U.S. offshore drilling.

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Blown-out BP well finally killed at bottom of Gulf



The well is dead. Finally. A permanent cement plug sealed BP's well nearly 2.5 miles below the sea floor in the Gulf of Mexico, five agonizing

months after an explosion sank a drilling rig and led to the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad

Allen, the federal government's point man on the disaster, said Sunday BP's well "is effectively dead" and posed no further threat to the Gulf. Allen said a pressure test to ensure the cement plug would hold was completed at 5:54 a.m. CDT.

The gusher was contained in mid-July after a temporary cap was successfully fitted atop the well. Mud and cement were later pushed down through the top of the well, allowing the cap to be removed.

But the well could not be declared dead until a relief well was drilled so that the ruptured well could be sealed from the bottom, ensuring it never causes a problem again. The relief well intersected the blown-out well Thursday, and crews started pumping in the cement on Friday.

The April 20 blast killed 11 workers, and 206 million gallons of oil spewed.

The disaster caused an environmental and economic nightmare for people who live, work and play along hundreds

of miles of Gulf shoreline from Florida to Texas. It also spurred civil and criminal investigations, cost gaffe-prone BP chief Tony Hayward his job, and brought increased governmental scrutiny of the oil and gas industry, including a costly moratorium on deepwater offshore drilling that is still in place.

Gulf residents will be feeling the pain for years to come. There is still plenty of oil in the water, and some continues to wash up on shore. Many people are still struggling to make ends meet with some waters still closed to fishing.

Shrimpers who are allowed to fish are finding it difficult to sell their catch because of the perception largely from people outside the region that the seafood is not safe to eat. Tourism along the Gulf has taken a hit.

The disaster also has taken a toll on the once mighty oil giant BP PLC. The British company's stock price took a nosedive after the explosion, though it has recovered somewhat. Its image as a steward of the

environment was stained and its stated commitment to safety was challenged. Owners of BP-branded gas stations in the U.S. were hit with lost sales, as customers protested at the pump.

And on the financial side: BP has already shelled out \$9.5 billion in cleanup costs, and the company has promised to set aside another \$20 billion for a victims compensation fund. The company could face tens of billions of dollars more in government fines and legal costs from hundreds of pending lawsuits.

BP took some of the blame for the Gulf oil disaster in an internal report issued earlier this month, acknowledging among other things that its workers misinterpreted a key pressure test of the well. But in a possible preview of its legal strategy, it also pointed the finger at its partners on the doomed rig.

BP was a majority owner of the well that blew out, and it was leasing the rig that exploded from owner Transocean Ltd. □







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Powell says illegal immigrants do his home repairs

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of State Colin Powell says illegal immigrants do essential work in the U.S. and he has firsthand knowledge of that because they fix his house.

Powell, a moderate Republican, urged his party Sunday to support immigration generally because it is “what’s keeping this country’s lifeblood moving forward.”

In an interview with NBC’s “Meet the Press,” he said a path to legal status should be offered to illegal immigrants because they “are doing things we need done in this country.” He added: “They’re all over my house, doing things whenever I call for repairs, and I’m sure you’ve seen them at your house. We’ve got to find a way to bring these people out of the darkness and give them

some kind of status.”

Powell did not say whether he’s hired illegal immigrants directly or they showed up with contractors.

Powell was President George W. Bush’s first-term secretary of state and the nation’s top military officer in the presidency of Bush’s father and in the early months of the Clinton administration. Despite his Republican standing he was once considered a formidable prospect for the GOP presidential or vice presidential nominations but stayed out of contention he endorsed Democrat Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential election.

In lamenting the party’s rightward drift Sunday, he said Republicans must not become anti-immigration and spoke in support of legislation that

would give certain children of illegal immigrants a way to become citizens if they pursue a college education or military service.

Immigration, he said, offers the U.S. a chance to maintain a youthful population in contrast with the aging of Europe and Japan.

Powell also said “fringe” elements on the right are taking a low road when they label Obama a foreign-born Muslim and peddle other false theories about non-American influences on the president’s character. Obama was born in the U.S. and is Christian.

“Let’s attack him on policy, not nonsense,” he said.

And he said the tea party may not become an enduring force unless it moves beyond slogans and promotes an agenda that people “can see,



touch and actually believe in.”

It’s not enough, he said, to call for goals that most Americans support, such as controlled federal spending and adherence to the Constitution.

The former secretary of state said he still sees Obama as a transformational figure, if one who has lost some of his ability

to connect with people.

Powell said he’s not giving up on the GOP, even in the face of a rightward drift, and says it might actually help Obama if Republicans win the House in November and gain responsibility for driving policy, not just opposing Democrats. □

Child deaths test Fla.’s beach driving tradition

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. — Four-year-old Aiden Patrick was playing on the beach just yards away from his father when he yelled “Daddy” and ran toward him, into the path of an oncoming truck driving legally on the sand. The July death has tested this area’s tradition of beach driving. Along with a 4-year-old British girl who was struck and killed on Daytona Beach a few months earlier, residents are now torn between outlawing cars on the beach and persevering a deep-rooted ritual that helped form the Daytona 500 stock car race.

“It’s an extremely divisive issue that people get very emotional about,” said Volusia County Councilman Josh Wagner.

Like most local elected officials, Wagner wants to keep the custom that has long been part of the area’s identity.

Black-and-white photographs of early Ford models racing on the shore decorate bars and restaurant walls around town, some dating back to the first automobiles. NASCAR even held portions of its races on the sand until 1959, when Daytona International Speedway opened and the Daytona 500 now known as “The Great American Race” began to take shape.

Beach driving isn’t as prevalent in Volusia County as it once was. Of the some 40 miles of beaches in the county, only about 17 miles are still open for cars. Vehicles pay a \$5 toll for access, and there is a 10 mph speed limit.

There’s no barrier or median separating the driving lanes. Beachgoers have to cross the traffic lanes to get to the water, and when the tide rises, there is less room for children to play.

It was high tide when Aiden, from nearby Deltona, was killed on New Smyrna Beach, about 15 miles south of Daytona Beach. Aiden and his family were enjoying the day on the crowded beach overflowing with continuous



traffic.

Aiden’s father, Jason Patrick, had gone to the water to wash off his hands after eating watermelon. Aiden tried to follow.

Aiden “just wanted to be with his daddy,” his father told the county council during an emotional hearing shortly after the accident, pleading for them to end beach driving.

“I hope you never feel what I feel to watch your 4-year-old child’s life taken from you,” he said. “I want this impact to our family to be the last impact to happen to any family.”

The driver has not been cited.

The council hired a consultant to study the issue, which could take months if not a year to complete because many of 2010’s busiest weekends already have passed. Some have suggested immediately adding more warning and speed limit signs, and banning texting and cell-phone use, although authorities said neither contributed to the toddlers’ deaths.

While fatal accidents are uncommon over the last 20 years, they do happen: Megan Hamlin, of Pennsylvania, spent 10 years in a vegetative state until she died in August at age 26. She had been run over while sunbathing at nearby Anastasia State Recreation Area. Hamlin’s death led to a ban on beach driving at the park. □

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Obama: Black lawmakers must rally voters back home



President Barack Obama speaks at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Inc.'s Annual Legislative Conference Phoenix Awards Dinner at the Washington Convention Center, Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010, in Washington.

By **MARK S. SMITH**,
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama implored black voters on Saturday to rekindle

the passion they felt for his groundbreaking campaign and turn out in force this fall to repel Republicans who are ready to “turn back the clock.”

In a fiery speech to the Congressional Black Caucus, Obama warned that Republicans hoping to seize control of Congress want “to do what’s right politically, instead of what’s right — period.”

“I need everybody here to go back to your neighborhoods, to go back to your workplaces, to go to the churches, and go to the barbershops and go to the beauty shops. And tell them we’ve got more work to do,” Obama said to cheers from a black-tie audience at the Washington Convention Center. “Tell them we can’t wait to organize. Tell them that the time for action is now.”

His speech acknowledged what pollsters have been warning Democrats for months — that blacks are among the key Democratic groups who right now seem unlikely to turn out in large numbers in November.

“It’s not surprising given the hardships that we’re seeing across the land that a lot of people may not be feeling very energized, very engaged right now,” Obama said. “A lot of folks may be feeling like politics is something that they get involved with every four years when there’s a presidential election, but they don’t see why they should bother the rest of the time.”

But he said he’s just begun rolling back a devastating recession that’s come down “with a vengeance” on African-American neighborhoods that were already suffering.

“We have to finish the plan you elected me to put in place,” Obama said.

Summoning the joy many blacks felt at the election of the first African-American president and recalling the words of the late actor and activist Ossie Davis, he declared, “It’s not the man, it’s the plan.”

Obama was treated to several standing ovations in the darkened cavernous center. But the hall grew quiet as Obama

warned, “Remember, the other side has a plan too. It’s a plan to turn back the clock on every bit of progress we’ve made.”

Obama never spoke the name of the Republican Party, but repeatedly invoked its policies — and did name its House leader, Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, a favorite Obama target in recent days.

Members of “the other side,” Obama said, “want to take us backward. We want to move America forward.”

With polls showing his party facing a wide “enthusiasm gap” with the GOP, Obama sought to rally an important constituency in his speech.

“What made the civil rights movement possible were foot soldiers like so many of you, sitting down at lunch counters and standing up for freedom. What made it possible for me to be here today are Americans throughout our history making our union more equal, making our union more just, making our union more perfect,” Obama said. “That’s what we need again.” □

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Republican senator warns of possible death for GOP

WASHINGTON — One of the GOP’s most conservative senators and a tea-party favorite, Jim DeMint of South Carolina, says the Republican Party will be “dead” if it fails to live up to its principles again.

DeMint has been critical of Republicans who he contends have not lived up to conservative values of limited government. He has long argued that when Republicans controlled Congress during the Bush administration, they spent and borrowed too much.

Amid predictions that the GOP will regain control of the House, DeMint says that if GOP lawmakers don’t do what they say they’ll do, if they are in the majority, in his words, “the Republican Party’s dead.”

DeMint made his comments in an interview aired Sunday on CNN’s “State of the Union.” □

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Missing Calif. sect members found praying at park

PALMDALE, Calif. – The members of a breakaway religious sect were found praying at a Los Angeles County park Sunday, halting a frantic search for the five adults and eight children who went missing after writing letters to family members saying goodbye. Deputies found the group at 11:55 a.m. Sunday at Jackie Robinson Park in Palmdale after getting a tip they might be there, Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore. He said all members are apparently safe. Officers had been searching a wide swath of Southern California since Saturday after family members found letters saying the group was awaiting an apocalyptic event and would soon see Jesus and their dead relatives in heaven. The group of El Salvadoran immigrants described as "cult-like" by sheriff's officials, was led by Reyna Marisol Chicas, a 32-year-old woman from Palmdale in northeast Los Angeles county, sheriff's Captain Mike Parker said. Members left behind cell phones, identifications, deeds to property, and letters indicating they were awaiting the Rapture. □

NY church mourns loss of bishop, 5 others in wreck

NEW YORK – Their small church had lost its leader and five other members in a van wreck, and eight others lay in hospitals. But members of the Joy Fellowship Christian Assemblies rejoiced in their faith even as they mourned their loss Sunday, a day after the crash on the way to an upstate church event. Some members of the congregation wiped away tears at an hourslong service. But many of the roughly 100 who gathered at the storefront church raised their voices in song, their arms in praise and their hope in prayer. "I cried enough last night. There's no reason for me to cry anymore. I have to be strong for others," said Pearl Foster, who said she had known the church's bishop, Simon White, for 29 years. White and 13 others were on the New York State Thruway, headed to a church event near

Schenectady, when a rear tire ruptured and sent their 1997 van hurtling out of control on Saturday afternoon, state police said. The van veered into a rumble strip and rolled over into the grassy median, throwing some of the passengers to the ground. The bishop; his wife, minister Zelda White; pastor Titus McGhie and three others Avril Murray, Evelyn Ferguson and Elaine Reid died at the crash scene in Woodbury, about 55 miles north of New York City, state police said. Eight others were hurt and remained hospitalized Sunday afternoon. "It was a tragic, tragic scene," state police Troop T commander Major Robert Meyers said Saturday. The driver and White, the front-seat passenger, were wearing seat belts; the other passengers weren't required to wear seat belts and apparently did not, state police Trooper Brian Kieckhafer said. Pastors from other local churches led the Joy Fellowship congregation in worship Sunday, and song and cries of "God is a great God" rang out through the church and at times could be heard outside its doors in a shopping area. White "was a man of integrity,"



Michael Bennett, the pastor of another Bronx church, said in an interview. The two had worked together on revivals and a radio show, he said. "I know that he was a man that loved God," Bennett said. "We never knew he was going to go home like this." Bishop White founded the church in 1998 with about 20 members, according to the church's website. □



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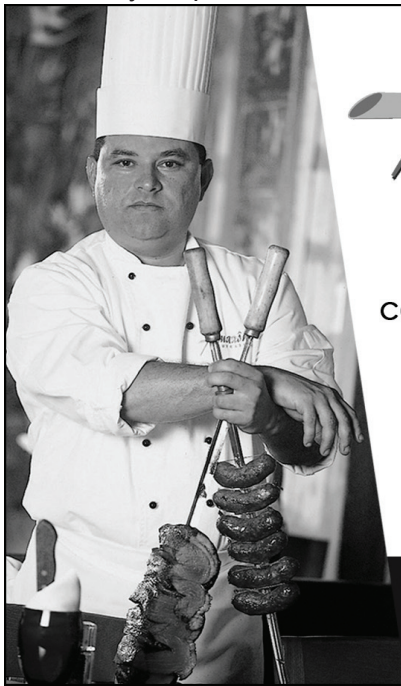
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Swedish gov't loses majority as far-right surges



A young woman stands at a booth at a polling station during general elections in Stockholm, Sweden Sunday Sept. 19, 2010. Voting started Sunday in Sweden's election with polls showing the center-right government heading for a historic second term, but an Islam-bashing far-right group could spoil its majority.

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STOCKHOLM (AP) — A far-right party entered the Swedish Parliament for the first time in elections Sunday, spoiling the center-right government's victory and plunging

the country into political disarray, preliminary results showed.

Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt was seeking to become the first center-right leader to win re-election after serving a full term in a Scandinavian

welfare nation dominated for decades by the left-wing Social Democrats.

But the Islam-bashing Sweden Democrats held the balance of power after winning 5.7 percent of the votes for 20 seats in the 349-seat legislature, according to results.

Final official results are expected later this week.

Reinfeldt's four-party coalition won 172 seats, three short of a majority, while the left-wing opposition got 157 seats.

His coalition has been boosted by popular tax cuts and healthy public finances that stand out in debt-ridden Europe.

The 45-year-old prime minister said his government would stay in office and seek support from the small opposition Green Party, to avoid having to rely on the Sweden Democrats.

"I have been clear on how we will handle this uncertain situation: We will not cooperate, or become dependent on, the Sweden Democrats," Reinfeldt said. Green Party leader Maria Wetterstrand, who campaigned with the Social Democrats and the ex-communist Left Party, at first rejected the idea, saying she couldn't envision supporting a government "that doesn't have a climate policy."

The result suggested a hung Parliament, because both blocs have ruled out governing with the Sweden Democrats, who want sharp cuts in immigration and have called Islam Sweden's biggest foreign threat since World War II.

If Reinfeldt fails to solve the impasse he will be left with a fragile minority government that could be forced to resign if it fails to push crucial legislation through Parliament.

Sweden Democrats leader Jimmie Akesson said his party had "written political history" in the election.

"Party colleagues, we're in Parliament!" he told jubilant supporters in Stockholm.

Large waves of immigration from the Balkans, Iraq and Iran have changed the demography of the once-homogenous Scandinavian country, and one-in-seven residents are now foreign-born. The Sweden Democrats say immigration has become an economic burden that drains the welfare system.

But pre-vote surveys showed Swedish voters were more concerned about unemployment — at 8.5 percent in July — the economy and the environment than they were about immigration.

Siamak Shoukri, a 52-year-old electrical engineer who

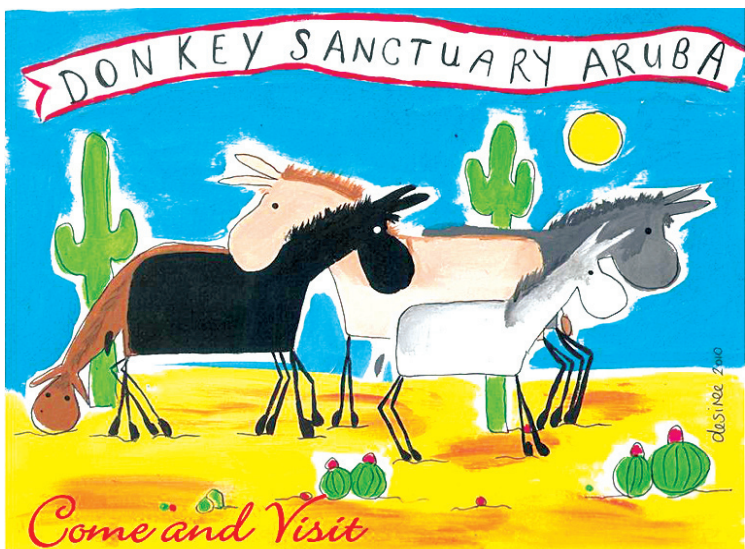
moved to Sweden from Iran, said he believes the financial crisis has helped foment hostility against immigrants.

"Always when there is a crisis, unemployment, mass unemployment ... they believe that foreigners have caused it," said Shoukri, who voted for the Left Party.

The Electoral Authority said 82 percent of 7.1 million eligible voters turned out for the election.

Reinfeldt's coalition ousted the Social Democrats in 2006 and kept its promises to lower taxes and trim welfare benefits. Sweden's export-driven economy is expected to grow by more than 4 percent this year while its 2010 budget gap is on track to be the smallest in the 27-nation European Union.

The Social Democrats fell to a record low of 30.8 percent in Sunday's vote, just marginally better than the 30 percent won by Reinfeldt's Moderate Party. "This is an election without winners, and I'm saying that with a heavy heart," said Social Democrat leader Mona Sahlin. "It is up to Fredrik Reinfeldt now to show how he plans to run Sweden without letting the Sweden Democrats get a political influence." □



Marriott Vacation Club Introduces New Vacation Ownership Program



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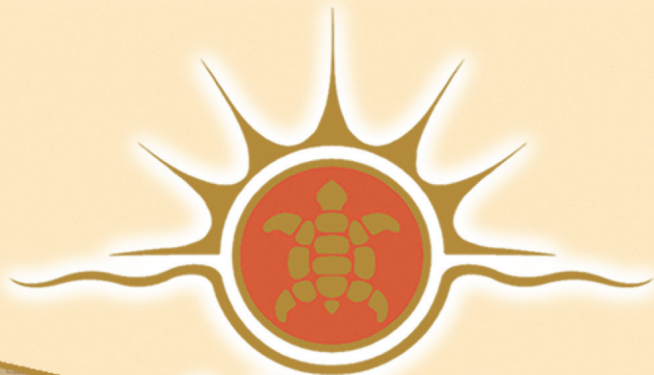
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Flooding was reported in low-lying areas and streets in downtown Hamilton, the capital, were covered in several inches of water and littered with tree branches and other debris.

Igor's eye was expected to pass over or very close to Bermuda late Sunday, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. But with hurricane-force winds extending up to 90 miles (150 kilometers) from the storm's eye, even a near-miss could cause substantial damage.

The storm was expected to veer northeast — away from the United States — after passing Bermuda. But forecasters said it would continue causing high surf and strong rip currents along the U.S. eastern seaboard.

Most tourists hopped on flights home before the airport closed Saturday afternoon, but Elaine and Brian LaFleur of New Bedford, Massachusetts, said they actually changed the date of their flight so they would make it to Bermuda in advance of Igor. They wanted a new experience for their 28th trip to the island.

"We've done everything else on this island, but we've never experienced a hurricane," said Elaine LaFleur, 62.

The couple's original itinerary had them arriving Sunday but they flew in Friday.

Brian LaFleur, 66, said the couple was staying busy indoors playing games on their iPad. He had hoped to watch Sunday football but the cable television at their hotel in downtown Hamilton lost its signal.

Bermuda's power utility reported that roughly 19,500 customers were

without electricity by Sunday evening on the British territory of 68,000 inhabitants. Some Bermudians were optimistic that a weakened Igor, which was downgraded to a Category 1 hurricane overnight, would spare the Atlantic territory serious damage.

"We prayed that the storm would be downgraded, and it looks like our prayers have been answered," said Fred Swan, a 52-year-old teacher.

But as the hurricane bore down, most islanders hunkered down in their homes and listened to the howling winds and cracking thunder outside.

School principal Marion Dyer, 47, said she holed up with her 8-year-old daughter and two others after losing power around dawn, when Igor's outer bands began severely whipping Bermuda.

"Now and again we get bursts of wild wind which sends the rain in all directions," Dyer wrote in an e-mail to an AP reporter. "We have heard several rolls of thunder which are becoming more frequent."

Premier Ewart Brown said islanders "have been forced to recognize that the ocean is not so vast and Bermuda not so unique as to be separated from the awesome power of nature."

Some islanders checked into resorts to ride out the storm. At the Fairmont Hamilton Princess hotel near the capital's downtown, about half of the 410 rooms were occupied, said Jonathan Crellin, the hotel's general manager. "The hotel is locked down tight and ready to take Igor when he arrives in full," Crellin said from the hotel, which like most buildings in the territory is built of solid concrete.

High surf kicked up by the storm has



Waves crash onto the beach at John Smith's Bay in Smith's Parish as Hurricane Igor approaches in Bermuda, Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010. The National Hurricane Center in Miami said tropical storm winds will start battering Bermuda Saturday night, with the hurricane expected to pass near Bermuda early Monday.

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already swept two people out to sea in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, far to the south.

By late afternoon Sunday, Igor was steaming north at 15 mph (24 kph), according to the U.S. hurricane center. Forecasters said the storm could drop 6 to 9 inches (15 to 23 centimeters) of rain over Bermuda and cause significant coastal flooding.

Steve Gibbons and five relatives ventured out on foot to Somerset Bridge, where high winds whipped the sea over the bridge and made it difficult to stand up straight.

"Later on, we'll be inside hunkered down," Gibbons said while bracing himself against the gusting wind.

Hotel cancellations were reported across Bermuda, popular with tourists for its pink sand beaches and with businesspeople as an offshore financial haven. A causeway linking

the main island with St. George's parish was closed, along with the L.F. Wade International Airport. Officials said schools would be closed Monday and Tuesday, and a local newspaper canceled its Monday edition.

Bermuda's building codes specify that homes must be built with walls at least eight inches thick, and be able to withstand 150 mph (241 kph) gusts and sustained winds of 110 mph (177 kph). Some power and phone lines are underground.

In Mexico on Sunday, officials raised to 12 the death toll from Hurricane Karl, which made landfall on Mexico's Gulf Coast on Friday and soaked Veracruz, Puebla and Tabasco states in the south-central part of the country.

At least 30,000 people were displaced by flooding and landslides in Veracruz alone, according to a report from the Civil Protection agency. □

Dutch arrest alleged UK terror suspect at airport

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Associated Press Writer

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Dutch police on Sunday arrested a British man of Somali ancestry at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport for possible links to a terrorist group, a spokesman for the Dutch prosecutors said.

The man was arrested after flying in from Liverpool, England, and before he flew out to Uganda, prosecutors' spokesman Evert Boerstra said, without specifying what terror group was involved. His name and age have not been released.

"He was arrested on the tip-off from British authorities," Boerstra told The Associated Press.

Dutch state broadcaster NOS reported that the suspect is allegedly linked to Somalia's most dangerous militant group, al-Shabab, which has claimed responsibility for suicide bombing attacks at U.N. facilities and other

targets, including July attacks in Uganda's capital during the World Cup final that killed 76 people.

Al-Shabab said those blasts were in retaliation for civilian deaths caused by African Union troops in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, and the group has called for Uganda to withdraw its peacekeeping forces from Somalia.

Militant veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts help train al-Shabab fighters, one of the reasons the sophistication of its attacks has risen in recent months. The al-Qaida-linked group in the past has recruited Somali-Americans to carry out suicide bombings in Mogadishu.

The chief of Britain's domestic spy agency MI5, Jonathan Evans, said Thursday that would-be terrorists from around the world, including dozens of people either born or living in Britain, were training in al-Shabab camps.

Dutch prosecutors could not

immediately confirm the NOS report.

London's Scotland Yard said it would make no comment, while authorities at Liverpool's John Lennon Airport said they had no knowledge of the arrest.

A spokeswoman for Liverpool's police force said she had no information on the arrest, while Britain's Foreign Office said it was looking into the matter.

Schiphol is one of Europe's largest airports, and a major transit point for flights to the Middle East and Africa.

Amsterdam's airport has significantly beefed up its security measures since last December, after it was a departure point for a Nigerian student, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who allegedly tried to blow up a plane above the United States on Christmas Day by setting off explosives hidden in his underwear.

He was tackled by passengers and crew, and is now charged



A man is led away from a plane at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam Monday Aug. 30, 2010 in this image taken from TV.

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in U.S. federal court in Detroit with attempting to blow up Northwest Airlines Flight 253 with 278 passengers and 11 crew members aboard. Abdulmutallab is representing himself, but a judge has appointed a standby lawyer to assist him.

After the Abdulmutallab lapse, Schiphol ordered 60 new full body scanners to screen passengers flying to the

United States.

Last month, two Yemeni men were arrested at the Amsterdam airport after flying in from Chicago, on suspicion they may have been conducting a dry run for an airline terror attack. The two were held for several days then released without charge after an investigation turned up no evidence to link them to a terror plot. □

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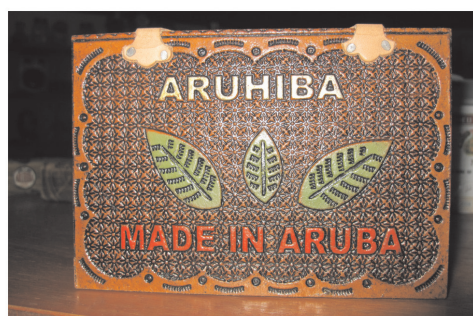
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A full house at De Suikertuin

Dr. Viana speaks during unique Blood Type Dinner



ORANJESTAD - The unique Blood Type Dinner evening at De Suikertuin Restaurant, held this past Friday evening, was fantastic. The cozy garden was chockfull of guests who were raring at the bit to know more about what foods would be beneficial or detrimental to their bodies according to their types of blood. They got what they came for! Before his lecture began, Dr. Carlos Viana, a certified clinical nutritionist, had

written his prediction of what his audience was made up of blood type-wise, on a piece of paper. And he was proven right: half of those present had blood type O (positive or negative), a third was A, 4 people had B as their blood type and only one lady had AB. That, according to the doctor, was for Aruba the normal cross section of the population. Dr. Viana started off with the words 'One Man's Meat



is Another Man's Poison' (Lucretius, 55 BC) and that sentence illustrates that not everyone is the same, certainly not with regard to food and the processing of food of the body. The doctor said that he realized a number of years ago that there are so many diets around, each predicting miracles, but that all of them have two things in common: they are high in proteins and low in carbohydrates. Then he proceeded to indicate what the various blood types should eat and what they should not eat: O-types should not eat wheat products, as they slow their metabolisms, and they certainly should not consume any milk products as these cause osteoporosis, strangely enough. No, for O's the word is red meat, fish, chicken and seafood, fruits and vegetables. A-types, however, are the vegetarians among us: they have weak stomachs and should consume no dairy products either. They are allergic to potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage and bananas; they can eat fish, turkey or

chicken, beans, rice, corn and oats, however. B-types should be wary of chicken, peanuts, tomatoes and corn and there was bad news for AB's, as they have the worst of both worlds (A and B together). These types should eat six small meals a day, with no starches whatsoever. Dr. Viana concluded his speech with the words 'Emotions affect your health, but your health also affects your emotions'. His tips for a healthy lifestyle: hydrate yourself with mineral water

(1 liter per 30 kilos of body weight) or apple juice, sleep at least 8 hours per night and exercise at least 30 minutes a day (walking is fine)> And then the feast began: inside De Suikertuin a colorful buffet with specific Blood-Typed options was set out enticingly, combining pastas with chicken, salads and sauces. As guests sampled the dishes, the talk was, of course, about healthy food and surprising diet results and weight loss. An enlightening and fun evening! □



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Radisson celebrates Housekeeping Week with a Cultural Fiesta



Palm Beach – Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa marked its Housekeeping Week celebrations by organizing several fun and educational activities. One of the highlights of the week was definitely the Cultural Fiesta that took place in the Grand Caribbean Ballroom. During the event, several resort departments worked hard to present creative displays of food and culture typical of the countries they were representing.

The Cultural Fiesta offered up food from Aruba, Haiti, the Netherlands, China, Suriname, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela and Colombia, and each food stall was beautifully decorated with typical products of the countries represented. A resort chef had the difficult task of visiting each stall and choosing a winner based on the food and decorations, which definitely was not easy. The ambiance in the ballroom was very upbeat, and with all the dancing and singing, it's obvious that everyone had a great time celebrating different traditions and cultures.

Housekeeping Week was designed to increase awareness of the housekeeping department's numerous contributions to guest satisfaction at the famous



resort located in Palm Beach, the Radisson Hotel & Resort which is the crown jewel in chain. □



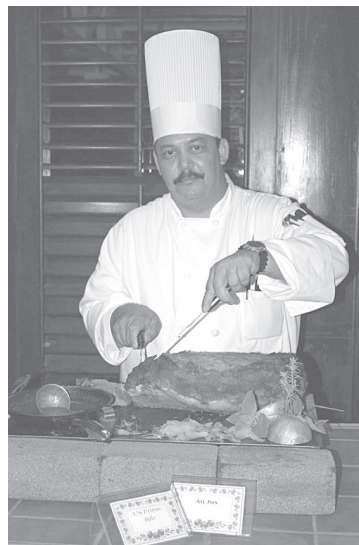
Radisson's Laguna restaurant reopens with fresh menus and look



PALM BEACH – With one of the island's most unique and picturesque settings, Laguna restaurant at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa reopened this past weekend after a brief hiatus to refresh the décor and create new theme night menu concepts. The buffet restaurant offers affordable dining in an upscale

environ. Laguna diners can enjoy indoor seating or al fresco seating on the large deck overlooking a Zen-like tropical garden with lush landscaping and large coy pond.

Every evening (except Monday) offers a different theme night, with an all-you-care-to-eat concept created by an award-winning culinary team. Sunday night is "Grill Night" where chefs are pulling choices like steak chimichuri, chorizo, and spare ribs hot off the grill right on the restaurant's al fresco deck. Tuesday night is "Caribbean Night," where diners can sample many of the region's traditional dishes like local beef stoba, locally-caught fresh snapper in Creole sauce, and Dutch-inspired keshi yena. Wednesday is for Italian food lovers, with a chef-



attended pasta station offering choices of different pastas and sauces, roasted leg of lamb, mushroom risotto, lasagna, and chicken with tomato and olive relish.

Thursday evening features Château Briand, as well as pork forestiere, roasted turkey, salmon in white wine

sauce, and escargot pasta. Seafood fans will love Friday night, where they can start dinner with a creamy seafood chowder, then move on to fresh, locally-caught grouper, seafood thermador, seafood paella, and other seafood delicacies. Every theme night includes a gourmet salad bar,

peel-n-eat shrimp, homemade soups, many side dishes, and a selection of pastries and cakes prepared by the resort's pastry chef.

Laguna is popular with locals and tourists who enjoy the wide selection of cuisine on the buffets, and the affordable price.



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Special friends honored at La Quinta Beach Resort



EAGLE BEACH - Recently at La Quinta Beach Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at La Quinta Beach Resort, they call their home away from home. Diane Schmitt & Linda Montecchi were honored as an Ambassador of Goodwill for the Island of Aruba and also Harold Clark & Joanne Saberre were honored as an distinguished visitor for the island of Aruba. On picture ATA Rep. Ricardo together with honorees and also Mrs. Ika from La Quinta Beach Resort. □





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Joining in with international green energy conference

Cas di Glas goes green!



ORANJESTAD - The first international conference on sustainable energy and the first Cas di Glas (House of Glass) happening of Aruba are held simultaneously, both starting on September 29. The two events are working together, promoting and supporting each other, in an effort to get as many visitors to the Renaissance Marketplace venue as possible. Former US vice president and Nobel Prize laureate Al Gore is the keynote speaker, who will officially declare the 'green energy' conference



open; Minister Mike Eman will 'open' the Cas di Glas by turning the key, locking Siomara, DJ 101 and Jean Carlo into the house, where they will stay for four times twenty-four consecutive hours. The Cas di Glas house is environment-friendly, by the way, with LED lighting courtesy of Small Energy and solar energy provided by Engysol. When the Cas di Glas fundraising effort to be able to buy a mobile breast cancer screening unit goes underway, attracting thousands of people with the live performances of bands and deejays, several

unusual cars can be seen driving around: those are of the NUNA Solar Car series, the NUNA 4, as well as the Greenchoice Forze hydrogen car; they will give demonstrations on the Boulevard. Professor Wubbo Ockels, former NASA astronaut and innovator in technology as well as Aruba's Edward 'Bing' Cheung, principle engineer of the Hubble Space Telescope Servicing Project, will be present at the conference, which runs through September 1st. The energy conference is going to donate AWG. 2,-- of every entry of AWG. 5,-- to the Cas di Glas effort. □

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Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons. Reminiscent of a 1950s French café, the fully air-conditioned indoor dining room delights diners with its sparkling china, crisp linen, interesting bread baskets, and hand-painted tiles bordering the walls. A gracious staff, colossal desserts, and live jazz performed by Eddy Samson on piano add the perfect touches. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting. Now patrons have another charming dining option at the French Steakhouse—a tropical alfresco courtyard featuring delicious cuisine under the stars. Diners can choose from the restaurant's famed "Ooh-La-La" menu offerings, including creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry, and the pièce de résistance—South American and USDA beef specialties. Among other popular appetizers, the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple-mango salsa and the Teriyaki-Glazed Seared Duck Breast served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd-pleasers. The French Onion Soup is true to the restaurant's roots while the Honey-Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



continues to offer delicious antipasto and salads, like the Calamari Fritti and the Insalati Bistrot; hearty Italian soups; fresh fish dishes, including Salmone Affogaro in Bianco; pasta dishes, like the Tortellini alla Gorgonzola; pizzas; meat dishes, like the Fileto Di Bue alla Castellana; decadent desserts, such as the Cream-Filled Cannoli; flavorful coffees; and the finest Italian wines. Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Shoco Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. The award is a national award of excellence and Aruba's top professional decoration in the hospitality industry. Open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner, Giorgio's makes authentic Italian cuisine a reality on Aruba. Patrons are cordially invited to bring a healthy appetite. □

Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, located at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in the heart of the low-rise hotel area, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors at a reasonable price in a charming alfresco poolside setting. The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico, a 3-course dinner featuring an appetizer, main course, and dessert for just \$19.95 per person, plus 15% service charge. Patrons may choose between homemade soup and Caesar salad for the starter; between Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, and any favorite pizza for the main course; and between tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream for the sweet finale. Of course, the regular menu

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents beach cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of beach cuisine. Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a sun-splashed menu on the oceanfront terrace, raising the restaurant to must-try status. Inspired by American, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek, and Mediterranean kitchens, the menu lists favorite international dishes all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair. Patrons can choose from a variety of tasty starters, like Wings on Fire and the Fiesta Snack Platter. Pega Pega's Sun-Sational Salads—including the Thai Chicken Salad and the Caribbean Fruit Symphony—provide a light lunch alternative. From the sandwich

board come the Cuban-Pressed Chicken Sandwich, the Grilled Grouper Reuben Sandwich, the Cudarebo Fish Taco, and the Philly Steak Sandwich. Mid-day platters also include vegetarian options and a variety of oversized beef burgers. Pega Pega's tropical & frozen cocktail list leaves nothing out. A wide range of frosty beverages—from daiquiris, coladas, margaritas, and fruit or ice-cream smoothies to specialty blends like the Yellow Bird, Sex on the Beach, and the Cabuya—pretty much guarantees the perfect refreshing addition to lunch. A daily happy hour featuring live music is a great way to watch the sunset and kick off the evening. Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar is open on fabulous Eagle Beach every day from noon to 5 PM for lunch and from 11 AM to 11 PM for drinks. Patrons are cordially welcomed to enjoy the unrivaled views, caring service, and relaxed atmosphere of one of Aruba's oldest beach bars. □



College football coaches try balancing job, health



Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio had a mild heart attack and was hospitalized Sunday morning, shortly after calling an audacious fake field goal to beat Notre Dame in overtime.

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FIGHTING FISH



U.S. Mardy Fish gestures after defeating Colombia's Santiago Giraldo during a Davis Cup playoff tennis match in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010. Fish won 6-3, 3-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-8 and the U.S. won the playoff.

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Mosley, Mora fight to draw at Staples Center

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shane Mosley and Sergio Mora fought to a 12-round draw in a junior middleweight bout Saturday night at Staples Center.

The 39-year-old Mosley (46-6-1, 39 KOs) had hoped to earn another big-money fight after his one-sided loss to Floyd Mayweather Jr. in May, while Mora (22-1-2, 6 KOs) was trying to re-establish himself as an elite fighter.

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Bowyer ends 88-race drought



Clint Bowyer hoists the trophy in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010.

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NFL full of QB quandaries heading into Week 3

By RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

Brett Favre had his worst day as a Viking, and a Minnesota team that thought it was set at quarterback is 0-2.

At least the Vikings are certain who their starter is. After a Sunday full of injuries and interceptions, seemingly half the league heads into Week 3 with a quarterback quandary.

The Titans' Vince Young was pulled after his third turnover against Pittsburgh. The Steelers needed all those takeaways from their defense because they're down to their fourth-string quarterback.

Michael Vick won the battle of backups in the Eagles' victory over the Lions, playing so well that now Philadelphia must answer questions about whether he should remain the starter when Kevin Kolb returns.

The Panthers' Matt Moore and the Raiders' Jason Campbell also got yanked as those two teams quickly soured on their new starters.

At this rate, maybe we'll see a coach suiting up at quarterback for somebody. "I know it won't be me," the Steelers' Mike Tomlin said of who will start for



Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay. "I'm not good enough." That's all he knows. Ben Roethlisberger is suspended for two more games. Byron Leftwich, who was supposed to fill in, is out with a knee injury and was even released to make room for another defensive lineman, though he is expected to be re-signed Monday. Then Dennis Dixon hurt his left knee

early in Sunday's game and didn't return.

Charlie Batch took over and went 5-of-11 for 25 yards — and the Steelers still won thanks to their defense and special teams despite not scoring an offensive touchdown. Until Dixon undergoes some tests, the identity of their starter next Sunday is a mystery.

Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher insisted there's no question about his quarterback situation.

He said after the 19-11 loss that Young will start next week against the New York Giants.

The move didn't work Sunday as backup Kerry Collins had two turnovers of his own.

"I wasn't concerned honestly about his feelings

at that point," Fisher said of Young. "I was trying to win the football game. And he's our starting quarterback, and he will start this week, OK? So you know it's not an easy thing to do to anybody. But he is going to come back, start this week and play well."

Eagles coach Andy Reid is also adamant that Kolb is his starter, no matter how many dazzling plays Vick racks up. With Kolb out with a concussion, Vick made his first start at quarterback since 2006 and went 21 of 34 for 284 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 37 yards — and frequently avoided losing yardage with his fancy footwork.

"We've got more plays for him than we did a year ago, so he'll be on the field," Reid said of Vick, who played sparingly last season. "It isn't going to be five or six plays this year."

The Eagles beat Detroit and backup quarterback Shaun Hill 35-32. With Matthew Stafford out with a right shoulder injury, Hill went 25 of 45 for 335 yards with two TDs and two interceptions. Panthers coach John Fox isn't making any assurances about his QB situation. Matt Moore, anointed the starter after Carolina jettisoned Jake Delhomme and all his turnovers in the offseason, has six giveaways in two games after committing two more Sunday. He was benched for rookie Jimmy Clausen in the fourth quarter of a 20-7 loss to Tampa Bay.

Clausen was 7 of 13 for 59 yards with an interception. Fox said it's "way too

early" to say who will start at quarterback next week against Cincinnati.

"Matt has not been benched by any stretch," Fox said. "We'll go with whoever gives us the best chance to win next week and that will take some time."

New quarterbacks in Oakland and Arizona aren't doing much better. The Raiders pulled Campbell after an ineffective first half against the Rams. Campbell was 10 for 17 for 99 yards before being replaced by Bruce Gradkowski. He was acquired from Washington during the draft but lasted all of six quarters as the starter.

Derek Anderson earned the Cardinals' starting job in the preseason, resulting in Matt Leinart's release. In Sunday's 41-7 loss to the Falcons, he was 17-of-31 for 161 yards and two interceptions.

Two guys who aren't in danger of losing their jobs still had miserable days. The Jaguars' David Garrard and the Ravens' Joe Flacco each threw four interceptions in losses.

Compared with all that, the Vikings' quarterback scenario looks downright rosy. Even if the 40-year-old Favre had three interceptions and no touchdowns in a 14-10 loss to Miami.

After throwing two interceptions at the Metrodome all of last season, Favre accounted for four turnovers in the 2010 home opener.

"It's just hard to repeat those type of numbers and statistics and it's hard to repeat wins," Favre said. □

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College football coaches try balancing job, health

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Imagine if every decision you made at work was scrutinized by millions of people and your livelihood was essentially tied to the performance of a bunch of college students.

That's the life of big-time college football head coaches such as Michigan State's Mark Dantonio, who had a heart attack after his team's thrilling 34-31 victory against Notre Dame on Saturday night.

It's a 24/7 job that once a week requires a major presentation. Except for a coach, the conference room is a stadium packed with crazy fans and television cameras.

While it'd be a stretch to say coaching is hazardous to one's health, the fact is the lifestyle is not conducive to staying fit. Late nights in the film room, meals grabbed here and there, hours away from family and precious little down time — all of it contributes to stress.

"There is nothing healthy about it," former Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said Sunday.

The 54-year-old Dantonio is expected to make a full recovery after having surgery early Sunday to put a stent in a blocked blood vessel leading to his heart. He's expected to remain in the hospital a few more days, but when he returns to the sideline is unclear.

He definitely won't be back to work when Michigan State plays Northern Colorado on Saturday.

And to be sure, the news of Dantonio's condition caused more than a few coaches to take notice Sunday.

"Obviously, it hits you right away, not only for the individual and the person Mark Dantonio, but as a coach in the profession," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said.

"You go through the emotions of the game and obviously you think about your own self in terms of are you taking care of yourself, are you getting the right checkups and those kinds of things?"

Dantonio's heart attack comes less than a year after Florida's Urban Meyer was hospitalized with chest pains after the

Southeastern Conference championship game. Meyer went so far as to resign, though that lasted only 24 hours and he instead he took a leave of absence after being diagnosed with esophageal spasms. He is taking medication to fight the problem.

Doctors say the type of work-related stress that can lead to medical problems is often caused by lack of time and lack of control — two items football coaches deal with every day.

Leach was the coach at Texas Tech for 10 years before being fired after last season.

He said eating right and getting regular exercise was almost impossible for him during the football season. It wasn't just the practices, meetings and game planning that consumed his day. Being the football coach at a major university is a lot like being the CEO of a huge company, multimillion-dollar salary included.

"There's the stress of dealing with the day-to-day and the ups and downs of 120 different people, most of them ages 18-22," said Leach, who is working as a television analyst for CBS College Sports this season and hopes to be back in coaching next year. "There is also the politics that go into a university and some of the bureaucracy."

Add to that media obligations and the time it takes to act as an ambassador for the program with fans and alumni,

and it's no surprise Leach says he would generally sleep 4-6 hours a night.

"Then I'd throw in a 10-hour (night)," he said. "I'm living proof that you can cram for sleep."

The 49-year-old Leach said after years of poor eating habits — unhealthy foods and not eating frequently enough — he assigned a graduate assistant the job of making sure the head coach would stop what he was doing a few times a day and eat a proper meal. Joker Phillips is 47 and in his first season as Kentucky's head coach after 20 years as an assistant. He said he has made sure to keep good habits despite the demands of the job.

"I still work out every day. I still get the same amount of sleep. I just think this game is important to me, but my family and personal health is more important," he said. "I am a competitor and I do want to win, but I'm not going to let this game ruin my life."

Reading the sports pages the day after a loss does nothing to relieve the stress of a job that by its nature attracts ultra-competitive people who tend to put plenty of pressure on themselves.

"No. 1, you feel such a responsibility to the fans, to the program to do a good job and do your part, and that can weigh on you," Tennessee coach Derek Dooley said. "You feel such a responsibility to the



Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio smiles as he leaves the field following a 34-31 overtime win over Notre Dame in an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010, in East Lansing, Mich. Dantonio had a mild heart attack and was hospitalized Sunday morning, shortly after calling an audacious fake field goal to beat Notre Dame in overtime. The 54-year-old Dantonio had surgery to put a stent in a blocked blood vessel leading to the heart. He's expected to remain in the hospital a few more days, and offensive coordinator Don Treadwell will lead the team during Dantonio's indefinite absence.

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kids that you coach. Those two things alone, the responsibility you feel is enough. Then add to it the day-to-day scrutiny that you get publicly, and that certainly weighs on you. Then add to it the patience or lack thereof of universities with their coaches."

When coaches have a bad day,

every couch potato thinks they could have done better.

Leach said he learned to not beat himself up when he had a bad game. The goal was to prepare as best he could during the week and learn from mistakes. "If you do the best you can," he said, "you have to be satisfied with it." □

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Sugar Shane Mosley, right, Sergio Mora, left and referee Pat Russell pose for photos after a boxing match in Los Angeles, Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010. The bout ended in a draw.

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MOSLEY, MORA

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Neither fighter left the arena satisfied — and neither did

the crowd, which booed both boxers.

“We both fought hard,” Mosley said. “It was good fight, a good decision.”

The fight was very difficult to score, with judge Kermit Bayless calling it 115-113 for Mora, David Denkin giving Mosley a 116-112 edge, and Lou Moret ruling it even at 114-114.

Mosley had an edge in the CompuBox punchstats, landing 161 of 522 punches to 93 of 508 for Mora.

Mora, who held the 154-pound (69.9-kilogram) title in 2008, said he actually let up because he thought he was winning the fight down the stretch.

“I should’ve listened to my corner,” he said. “They were

telling me that it was a close fight. I thought I was winning, so I didn’t fight as hard because I have respect for Shane. I didn’t want to hurt him.”

Mosley was the aggressor from the beginning, but had a difficult time landing clean punches because Mora is a standout defensive fighter. The former 154-pound titleholder consistently danced out of harm’s way or tied up Mosley when he got inside.

Mora threw many fewer punches than Mosley but landed more clean shots, giving him several rounds. Neither fighter hurt the other or even had a particularly big round, making it even more difficult to separate them.

Before the main event, junior

welterweight contender Victor Ortiz (28-2-1, 22 KOs) took a round to feel out Guyana’s Vivian Harris (29-5-1, 19 KOs) before unloading, stopping Harris early in the third round after knocking him down three times in the second.

Ortiz was too quick and sharp for his aging opponent. He landed a right hook and then a quick right uppercut to knock down Harris 45 seconds into the third round, with referee Raul Caiz waving off the fight right when Harris hit the canvas.

Ortiz’s handlers have been talking to WBO titleholder Timothy Bradley, and Ortiz likes the idea of facing the winner of the Dec. 11 fight between WBA champion Amir Khan and Marcos Maidana, who knocked out Ortiz in the sixth round last year at Staples Center.

Harris, a former titleholder from New York, is 1-3 with one no-contest in his last five fights.

Earlier, budding Mexican star Saul “Canelo” Alvarez had a spectacular third-round knockout of veteran Carlos Baldomir.

Alvarez (34-0-1, 26 KOs) hurt Baldomir (45-13-6, 14 KOs) with a number of punches toward the end of the final round before a straight left put the Argentine on his face. Baldomir, who had failed to go the distance only once before, was able to get to his feet, but was too wobbly to continue.

Baldomir was a good test for the 20-year-old star from Guadalajara because of his experience and awkward style, but Alvarez was much quicker than Baldomir, and he patiently outboxed his 39-year-old foe. □

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Bowyer ends 88-race drought in Chase opener

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LOUDON, New Hampshire (AP) — Clint Bowyer had stormed out of the gate in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship by ending an 88-race drought and winning at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday.

Bowyer had the most dominant car but lost the lead to Tony Stewart on a restart during a flurry of cautions late in the race. Bowyer couldn't catch the two-time champion with speed, but pounced when Stewart ran out of gas with a lap to go.

Bowyer was nursing his own fuel tank to the finish line, and barely held off Denny Hamlin for the victory. It was Bowyer's third in the Cup series and first since Richmond in 2008.

His first career victory came under similar circumstances. After sneaking into the Chase, Bowyer won the 2007 race at New Hampshire to cement himself a championship contender.

"I hate it for Tony. You hate to win races like that," Bowyer said. "But I got here, and I felt like this race back in 2007. We did it again."

The replay was no different

for Bowyer. His Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet was the car to beat, although Bowyer found himself chasing down Stewart after a flurry of cautions chopped away his lead and put Stewart out front.

The two-time series champion wouldn't have been caught, but he and Bowyer were both trying to stretch their fuel the final 92 laps and it was anyone's guess if they could make it to the finish line. Bowyer conserved his gas, but Stewart ran wide open — and it cost him dearly.

Stewart ran out of fuel right before the white flag lap, and Bowyer sailed past him for the lead. He still had to contend with a hard-charging Denny Hamlin, who rallied from a mid-race accident to put himself in position to pounce should the leaders run dry.

Bowyer made it, then ran out of gas during his victory celebration.

Stewart slid from potential winner to 24th, and took the gaffe in stride.

"We went down swinging," he said, shrugging. "It's a tough way to start the Chase. I would have settled for second. If you knew exactly

how much gas you have, it would be different, but you never know. It's part of the sport, always has been. It's what makes it exciting when you never know until the last lap who's going to happen."

The final laps were agonizing for Bowyer, who led 177 but thought victory was slipping away when he couldn't aggressively chase down Stewart because of his fuel situation.

"It's terrible. You want to go and I thought I could run him down, but I was using so much fuel through the middle of the corner that I had to back down," Bowyer said.

Hamlin, the points leader, finished second and goes into Dover next weekend with a 35-point advantage over Bowyer in the standings. Hamlin had climbed to fourth on a restart with 88 laps to go, but Carl Edwards ran into him to send Hamlin into a potentially race-ruining spin.

Hamlin dropped to 22nd, headed to the pits for repairs, then stormed back through the field to salvage the day and extend his lead over second place in the



Clint Bowyer celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010.

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standings.

"When we restarted 22nd, I immediately set a goal and said, 'Let's finish top 15,'" Hamlin said. "A few things happen and it was like,

'Let's get a top eight,' and then, 'Top six. Holy cow, we can win this thing.' It was one of those days, we just made a heck of a charge at the end." □



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Scott leads Orioles over Yankees 4-3 in 11 innings

New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte delivers against the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010 in Baltimore.

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By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE – Luke Scott tied the game with a ninth-inning homer off Mariano Rivera, then scored the winning run in the 11th to give the Baltimore Orioles a 4-3 victory over the New York Yankees on Sunday. Scott led off the 11th with a double against David Robertson (4-5). Ty Wigginton followed with a single to right-center, scoring Scott without a throw and providing the Orioles with their eighth straight extra-inning win. Mike Gonzalez (1-3) got the victory with one hectic inning of work. Baltimore trailed 3-2 before Scott hit a drive to right off Rivera leading off the ninth. It was the first home run of the

month for Scott, who entered 1 for 12 lifetime against Rivera. One inning earlier, the Orioles got within a run on a pinch-hit RBI single by Felix Pie. Yankees starter Andy Pettitte returned from a two-month stay on the disabled list to allow one run, three hits and a walk in six innings. The left-hander, who had been sidelined since July 18 with a strained left groin, retired his final 11 batters. Before the game, Yankees manager Joe Girardi said of Pettitte: "If we can get six innings out of him, I'll be thrilled." Pettitte left with New York up 3-1. Rivera's fourth blown save deprived Pettitte of the victory, but the veteran starter could take consolation in pitching so well after such a long layoff. After missing 57 games, Pettitte is back in time to contribute to the Yankees' push to win the AL East. New York has a half-game lead over Tampa Bay, which opens a four-game series at Yankee

Stadium on Monday night. Girardi planned to rest first baseman Mark Teixeira and third baseman Alex Rodriguez, but both were summoned as pinch hitters in the 11th. Rodriguez drew a leadoff walk and was replaced by pinch-runner Eduardo Nunez, who advanced to third when Gonzalez threw wildly off his back foot toward first base. After Marcus Thames struck out, Teixeira and Derek Jeter received intentional walks before Lance Berkman grounded into a double play. That doomed New York to its sixth defeat in a nine-game swing through Texas, Tampa Bay and Baltimore. The Yankees got a first-inning run against Chris Tillman when Brett Gardner walked and scored on a two-out single by Robinson Cano. In the bottom half, cleanup hitter Adam Jones drove in a run with a two-out bunt. New York used four walks and a single to go up 3-1 in the fourth. □



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Dodgers beat Rockies in 11 to avoid sweep

LOS ANGELES — A.J. Ellis lined an RBI single over a drawn-in infield in the 11th inning after Matt Kemp doubled home the tying run in the ninth, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers record their biggest comeback win of the season in a 7-6 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday. George Sherrill (2-2) relieved demoted Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton with the bases loaded and two out in the 11th, and struck out NL batting leader Carlos Gonzalez.

The Dodgers got a break in the bottom half when Rafael Furcal was ruled safe at first by umpire Jim Reynolds on a potential double-play grounder to second base. Kemp's single against Manny Delcarmen (0-2) sent Furcal to third, and Andre Ethier was intentionally walked before Ellis lined a 3-2 pitch just over the outstretched glove of leaping shortstop Troy Tulowitzki.

Down to their last two outs

and trailing 6-5, the Dodgers pulled even against closer Huston Street when Rafael Furcal doubled to right-center, advanced on a wild pitch and scored when Kemp drilled a 2-1 pitch down the left field line. The blown save was Street's fifth in 25 opportunities.

Kemp and Andre Ethier hit solo homers for Los Angeles, the 23rd of the season for both. Kemp's drive center off Matt Belisle in the seventh inning snapped a drought of 23 games and 79 at-bats since his 449-foot homer at Milwaukee on Aug. 24.

It was the seventh time this season that Kemp and Ethier homered in the same game, and the seventh time they've won. They were 2-0 under those circumstances last season, when they captured their second straight division title.

The Rockies staked Jason Hammel to a 6-1 lead, but the right-hander was removed

with an undisclosed injury after giving up three runs in the fourth.

Trainer Keith Dugger and manager Jim Tracy went to the mound to check on him with an 0-2 count on Kemp, who hit an inning-ending grounder after the Dodgers got two-out RBI singles by Rod Barajas and pinch-hitter Jamey Carroll, and a run-scoring double by Furcal.

Dodgers starter Clayton Kershaw was charged with six runs — four earned — and four hits over four innings in his second-shortest outing this season.

It was a stark contrast from Kershaw's previous start last Tuesday at San Francisco, when the 22-year-old left-hander allowed four hits in a 1-0 victory for his first complete game. Kershaw came into Sunday's outing with a string of 29 consecutive scoreless innings against the Rockies at Chavez Ravine, a streak that



Los Angeles Dodgers' A.J. Ellis (17) celebrates with teammates after he hit the game winning single to score Rafael Furcal in the bottom of the 11th inning to give the Dodgers a 7-6 victory over the Colorado Rockies in a baseball game, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, in Los Angeles.

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ended when he walked three of his first four batters and watched all of them score on a double by Jason Giambi that hit off the glove of left fielder Jay Gibbons near the top of the fence — and should have been caught. Colorado scored three times in the second. Jonathan

Herrera doubled home a run, Gonzalez followed with an RBI single and Herrera scored on Tulowitzki's infield out. It was Tulowitzki's 34th RBI this month, tying the franchise record for September that was set by Matt Holliday in 2006.




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Fish victory keeps U.S. in Davis Cup World Group

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Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Mardy Fish defeated Santiago Giraldo 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 4-6, 8-6 to give the United States an insurmountable 3-1 lead in its Davis Cup World Group playoff against Colombia on Sunday. The fifth match, which could not change the outcome, was canceled because of rain.

Winning the tie on outdoor red clay means the United States will remain in the World Group, the top tier of the Davis Cup, while Colombia stays outside a group for which it has never qualified.

Fish became the first American to win three times in a tie since Pete Sampras in the 1995 final in Moscow. He won in Friday's singles and teamed up with John Isner to win the doubles on Saturday.

"To win three points in one Davis Cup match under these circumstance in such an important tie is one of the biggest — if not the biggest — accomplishment of my career," Fish said.

It was a sweet exit for retiring American captain Patrick McEnroe, whose team battled with the 2,650-meter (8,700-foot) altitude, a determined Colombia team and the absence of top players like



U.S. Mardy Fish, second left, is congratulated by teammates after defeating Colombia's Santiago Giraldo during a Davis Cup playoff tennis match in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010. Fish won 6-3, 3-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-8. U.S. won the playoff.

Andy Roddick, James Blake and the imposing doubles team of Bob and Mike Byran.

"What a Herculean effort from Mardy this weekend," McEnroe said.

"Mardy's was one of the greatest efforts in Davis cup history — forget my 10 years as captain. To win three points in these conditions — with the altitude, the crowd and everything. He is in illustrious company."

Giraldo broke Fish in the final set to lead 6-5, needing only to serve out to win the match and force a deciding fifth match. But Fish broke back to level at 6-6, held his serve — fighting off two break points — and then broke the Colombian again for the 8-6 victory in 4 hours, 5 minutes.

"I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my captaincy," McEnroe said.

Fish was up and down during

the match in the Santamaria bull ring, but resolute when he needed to be. He had 14 aces and 11 double faults. The American played three straight days and logged 11 hours of tennis in winning two singles matches and a doubles, a tribute to his new level of fitness.

"A lot of work and a lot of sacrifice went into this," Fish said. "A year ago today I wouldn't have been able to do

this. I fought as hard as I could. He passed me 100 times today and I kept coming."

Fish was more restrained than McEnroe, praising the Colombian effort and noting the rugged playing conditions.

"It was as tough a relegation match as we could have had with the altitude, the balls and a quality opponent," Fish said.

Ryan Harrison was to have made his Davis Cup debut in the final match for the United States. In an interesting twist, Andy Roddick made his debut in Davis Cup in 2001 in McEnroe's first match as captain. Harrison's debut, which was washed out by rain, would have come as McEnroe exits.

The United States has dropped out only once since the World Group began in 1981. The Americans have won the Davis Cup a record 32 times, the last in 2007 — McEnroe's only title as captain.

Fish said the match showed the United States has enough depth to compete.

"I think we have a lot of guys who can play well on a lot of surfaces — myself, John, Sam (Querrey), Andy, James and the Bryans," Fish said. "We wish we had six or eight spots to take everyone each tie." □



Liquigas-Doimo team member Vincenzo Nibali from Italy, center, celebrates on the podium after winning the 21st stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race with second placed Xacobeo Galicia rider Ezequiel Mosquera, left, and third placed HTC- Columbia's Peter Velits from Slovakia in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010.

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Nibali wins Spanish Vuelta

MADRID (AP) — Vincenzo Nibali won the Spanish Vuelta on Sunday after Tyler Farrar of the United States sprinted to win the 21st and final stage just ahead of Britain's Mark Cavendish.

Nibali of Italy won the overall race in 87 hours, 18 minutes, 31 seconds, from Ezequiel Mosquera, 41 seconds behind. Peter Velits was third, 3:04 behind the Liquigas-Doimo cyclist. Nibali is the first Italian since Marco Giovannetti in 1990 to win the Spanish classic, mostly after holding off Mosquera's challenge a day earlier in a grueling mountain top finish.

"Victory in the Vuelta is very important for me because it puts me up there with the top riders. Now, there's nothing I can't aim for," Nibali told Italian media. "Alberto Contador is the number one in stage races and it's very difficult to beat him. But one day, I hope I'll be able to

take him on in the Tour de France."

Summing up his attitude to cycling's two other major stage races, Nibali said: "The Tour de France is in my thoughts, but the Giro d'Italia is in my heart."

Farrar crossed the line in 2:02:24 after an 52.8 miles ride from San Sebastian de los Reyes to Madrid. Cavendish crossed the line just behind the Garmin-Slipstream rider and Allan Davis of Australia was third on the same time.

"Winning two stages in the Vuelta is more than I had hoped for and my team was incredible," the Garmin-Slipstream rider said.

Cavendish won the green bib for the event's combined points crown, while French cyclist David Moncoutie was the top climber for the third straight year.

Katusha of Russia was the top team, edging Caisse d'Epargne by 33 seconds. □

Spiriva as good as Serevent in asthma study

By ALICIA CHANG,
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES—Researchers say they've found a possible new treatment for adults with hard-to-control asthma. Their discovery, however, came at a price.

Scientists of a U.S. government-funded asthma study had to spend nearly \$1 million of taxpayers' money after British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline PLC declined to donate its asthma drug and look-alike dummy medicine for the study, which compared two other treatments.

Editors of the New England Journal of Medicine, which published the study, chastised Glaxo, saying its actions made the research harder and more expensive to do. Drug companies aren't required to supply their medicines for study, but they often do.

"In the end, the study results provided the truth" — the drug, Spiriva, was as good as Glaxo's Serevent, they wrote. The study was published online Sunday to coincide with a presentation at a medical meeting in Barcelona, Spain. About 300 million people worldwide suffer from asthma. In the U.S., 22 million Americans have asthma, which kills about 4,000 a year. For people who can't control their asthma with inhaled steroid medicine, current guidelines call for doubling the dose or adding a different drug that relaxes the muscles to help patients breathe.

Researchers tested three

inhaled treatments: doubling the steroid dose, adding Glaxo's Serevent or adding Boehringer Ingelheim's Spiriva, which is approved for emphysema and other chronic lung conditions, but not asthma.

The study involved 210 people whose asthma was not well controlled. They took each drug for 14 weeks with two-week breaks in between treatment.

Researchers found Spiriva worked better than a double steroid dose and was as effective as Serevent. When the study first began, patients on average had 77 asthma-free days a year — days in which they had no symptoms and did not have to use their rescue inhaler.

Doubling the steroid medicine gave patients an extra 19 asthma-free days; taking Spiriva gave them an additional 48 days with no symptoms, and taking Serevent gave them an extra 51 days.

Spiriva is a promising alternative asthma treatment and some doctors are already using it in people who don't respond to steroid medicine, but more study on drug safety is needed, Dr. Lewis Smith of Northwestern University wrote in an accompanying editorial.

Two years ago, safety concerns were raised with Spiriva inhalers. But the Food and Drug Administration earlier this year said recent data do not show a connection between the inhaler and previously

reported risks of stroke, heart attack and death.

The \$5.3 million study was funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries supplied the inhaled steroid medicine and Boehringer Ingelheim provided Spiriva. Both companies also donated matching placebos. Researchers bought Glaxo's Serevent.

Glaxo declined to participate because Spiriva is not approved for treating asthma.

The company also "lacked adequate information in this case to understand what the impact would be on patients in the trial," said company spokeswoman Mary Anne Rhyne.

The study's leader, Dr. Stephen Peters of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in North Carolina, said that since his team did not have access to Glaxo's drug, they bought it from a third-party supplier and hired another company to make the placebo

— at a cost of \$900,000.

Peters said it's harder to get drug companies to donate their medicine for research compared with a decade ago. "Now more drug companies are more likely to ponder whether a trial could help them in the marketplace" and decline to provide their products for studies, Peter said. Peters has received lecture fees from Teva. Several other researchers on the team reported ties with Glaxo and other drug companies. □

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DA: Paris Hilton to avoid felony in Vegas arrest



LAS VEGAS – Paris Hilton has agreed to plead guilty to two misdemeanors stemming from her arrest last month at a Las Vegas resort, a Nevada prosecutor said.

Under the terms of a plea deal worked out with prosecutors, the celebrity heiress will serve a year of probation and avoid a felony conviction, Clark County District Attorney David Roger said Friday.

A plea agreement obtained by the Las Vegas Review-Journal shows Hilton will plead guilty to drug possession and obstructing an officer. She must complete a drug abuse program, pay a \$2,000 fine and serve 200 hours of community service.

Hilton, 29, was arrested Aug. 26 inside the Wynn resort, after police say a small plastic bag containing 0.8 grams of cocaine fell out of her Chanel purse as she reached for a tube of lip balm in front of a policelieutenant.

Roger and defense attorney David Chesnoff confirmed the details of the plea deal reported by the Review-Journal. The original felony cocaine possession charge would not have resulted in any jail time.

Roger said he wanted to obtain a pledge from the hotel heiress to stay out of trouble, and said the plea deal accomplished that goal.

“If she is arrested for anything besides a minor traffic violation she will spend a year in jail,”

Roger said. “There will be no discussion. The court will have no discretion.”

Chesnoff said the agreement does not call for Hilton to be assigned a probation officer, meaning she can’t break any laws but won’t have anyone to report to or check in with.

“Ms. Hilton understands the seriousness of the situation and appreciates the chance she is being given,” Chesnoff told The Associated Press. “She has to stay out of trouble.”

Hilton initially told police the purse and cocaine were not hers, but claimed some items in the bag, including rolling papers, \$1,300 in cash and several credit cards.

She was questioned by police after her boyfriend, Las Vegas nightclub mogul Cy Waits, 34, failed field sobriety tests given by a motorcycle officer. The couple was stopped in a black Cadillac Escalade after the officer smelled a “vapor trail” of marijuana smoke. Hilton was banned from two Wynn resorts on the Las Vegas Strip after the arrest, and her boyfriend was dismissed as a nightclub partner. Hilton briefly faced a marijuana charge in July after a FIFA World Cup match in South Africa, but the case was dropped when a woman who was with her pleaded guilty to possessing the drug. Hilton is scheduled to appear at 7:30 a.m. Monday before Judge Joe M. Bonaventure, Chesnoff said. □

Reggae star Buju Banton faces drug trial in Fla.

MIAMI – On his upcoming album “Before the Dawn,” Jamaican reggae star Buju Banton crows about standing strong, though battered and bruised, in the face of a gathering darkness.

The songs sound prophetic the four-time Grammy nominee recorded them before he was arrested on federal cocaine charges last December. The trial is scheduled to start Monday in Tampa a week before the album’s U.S. release. He faces a possible life sentence if convicted.

“I’ve been accused, wrongly convicted. Jah knows I’m innocent,” he sings in his gravelly voice, invoking the Rastafarian God. “I’ve been badly singled out by beloved friends ... who sold me out.”

Banton recorded the album’s 10 songs last year in Kingston, Jamaica, before his arrest at his Miami-area home on a charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine. A grand jury indictment also charged him with carrying a firearm during the course of a drug trafficking crime.

He worked on the album with producers and engineers over the phone from Tampa-area jails, where the 37-year-old has been held without bail since the beginning of the year.

According to the indictment, Banton and an associate negotiated with an informant to buy the cocaine. Along with a third man, they allegedly met with an undercover officer in Sarasota in early December to buy the drugs. The informant told Drug Enforcement Administration agents that he also saw the singer inspecting the cocaine.

Ian Thomas, described by Banton’s manager as an old friend of the singer who resurfaced shortly before the arrest, pleaded guilty Wednesday to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. He now faces up to life in prison. The third man, James Mack, has signed an affidavit stating that he never met Banton before his arrest, and that the singer did not know about the money or

a gun that were in Mack’s car during the drug deal. Mack plans to plead guilty to the drug conspiracy charge and a weapons charge, according to a plea agreement filed Wednesday. He also faces up to life in prison on each charge.

Both men agreed to testify for the prosecution as part of their plea agreements. Banton’s attorney has requested Mack as a witness as well, according to court documents.

Banton’s team will try to prove the singer, who rose from the slums of Kingston to massive success in the 1990s, was a victim of entrapment. Banton’s attorney, David Markus, has said in court that the confidential informant has been paid \$3.3 million for working with law enforcement over several years, including more than \$35,000 in Banton’s case. The informant met Banton, whose real name is Mark Myrie, in first class on a flight from Spain to Miami at the end of Banton’s European tour last summer.

Banton’s team contends that it was the informant who raised the idea of the cocaine deal with Banton. “Paying a convicted drug trafficker millions of dollars for setting up an innocent productive member of society is wrong,” Markus said in an e-mail. “The prosecution’s star is laughing at all of us he doesn’t pay taxes, he stopped paying the mortgage on his million dollar house, he doesn’t pay his credit cards, and he gets to stay in this country even though he committed crimes here as an illegal immigrant. We’re hoping the jury will see through his charade.” Banton’s arrest derailed plans to tour Japan after a tumultuous U.S. tour for his Grammy-nominated 2009 album, “Rasta Got Soul.” Shows in several cities were canceled because of protests over violent, homophobic lyrics from early in Banton’s career as a brash dancehall singer.

His manager, Tracii McGregor, has dismissed the controversy, saying those lyrics were written in response to a boy’s rape in Jamaica, no longer represent Banton’s subsequently more traditional



reggae music and do not reflect his Rastafarian beliefs.

In 2003, a marijuana case in Jamaica resulted in a fine for Banton. The following year, he was acquitted on charges in Jamaica that he participated in the beating of six gay men.

He alludes to those problems and his current case, though he doesn’t refer to it specifically in the liner notes to “Before the Dawn.” He includes a note written in June from the Pinellas County jail urging fans to “stand firm through our adversities” and to “try life.”

“Never before could I attest to the trauma experienced by others,” Banton wrote, “but my current situation brings the full perspective of what bondage really means.” □

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Slowing recovery a policy headache

By Kristina Cooke

NEW YORK – The sputtering global economy is complicating life for policymakers from Washington to Tokyo.

When the financial crisis erupted in 2007, authorities around the world began throwing nearly everything they had at the problem to avoid a re-run of the Great Depression.

Three years later, with the global recovery losing momentum, they find themselves in a tough spot yet again.

This time, if things get worse, they won't have as many tricks left in the bag to jump-start their faltering economies. What's more, whatever medicine they prescribe may well come with unpleasant side effects.

For the Federal Reserve, the medicine in question could be more large-scale purchases of U.S. Treasury bonds, though officials are unlikely to unleash that option at their policy-setting meeting on Tuesday.

Officials at the U.S. central bank disagree on many fundamental questions: How dark is the outlook? What should the threshold for further support be? Would pumping more money into the financial system be effective or could it do more harm than good?

"The economy is not falling apart, so easing now could send a signal that folks at the Fed are a little bit panicked," said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at Pierpont Securities in Stamford, Connecticut.

"They need to make sure if they do more that the case for it is strong and the case is well-explained."

Further Fed easing could make things even more difficult for other countries, which are resorting to their own tactics to defend their economies.

Japan last week intervened in currency markets for the first time in six years to weaken its yen in a last-ditch bid to improve the competitiveness of its exports in a world of weak demand.

A strong yen curbs Japanese exports and weighs on production, making it harder for Tokyo to end the long spell of falling prices that dampens consumer demand and discourages corporate investment.

Although Japanese markets will be closed for holidays on two days next week, another round of foreign exchange intervention could still be forthcoming and will keep markets on edge.

Japan's unilateral move to devalue its currency sparked fears other countries might follow suit and deal a crippling blow to the global recovery. It also elicited stinging criticism from other countries.

"We don't like the behavior of the Japanese authorities," the head of the euro zone group of finance ministers, Jean-Claude Juncker, told reporters on Thursday.

European growth has been driven by Germany's export-led economy. Policymakers worry a strengthening euro, which rose nearly 5 percent in three days on Japan's move, could further slow Europe's recovery. □

Wall Street ends week up, awaits Fed meeting

NEW YORK – Wall Street is flirting with its highest levels since May, boosted by new strong data easing concerns over the recovery as traders await next week's Federal Reserve meeting.

The past week saw new positive data on the health of the global economic recovery with strong manufacturing figures from China and a modest rise in US retail sales for the second straight month. For the week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1.39 percent to 10,607.85 in the third consecutive week of gains as it nears its highest levels since May. The broader S&P 500 index gained 1.45 percent to 1,125.59.

The technology-rich Nasdaq composite index ramped up 3.26 percent to 2,315.61 in a week where computer giant Hewlett-Packard announced its latest acquisition and technology bellwethers Oracle and Research in Motion reported strong quarterly results.

Confidence was bolstered early in the week when banking regulators meeting in Basel, Switzerland settled on reforms that will require banks to raise capital reserves substantially as a buffer against future financial breakdowns. Jobless claims also showed jobless claims fell faster than expected last week, extending a four-week decline.

But disappointing figures showing a slowdown in the US manufacturing sector poured some cold water on the enthusiasm.

"Economic news, especially retail sales and industrial numbers, told us that the probability of a double dip is less than many had thought," said independent analyst



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Wall Street is flirting with its highest levels since May, boosted by new strong data easing concerns over the recovery as traders await next week's Federal Reserve meeting.

Hugh Johnson, looking back at the week.

The upcoming week will bring new data on the faltering housing market, which could show a continued loss of momentum since August's disappointing data.

But all eyes are on Tuesday's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, which is set to keep current historically-low interest rates unchanged from levels set in December 2008 in a effort to spark growth.

Investors will be closely following the tone of the FOMC's statement on the current conditions of the US market as speculation grows on whether the Fed might redouble crisis-era spending policies to bolster the economy.

"Next week is all about the Fed," said analyst Gina Martin of Wells Fargo Securities.

"It almost feels like the market is lying waiting for the Fed meeting next week because there are so many rumors whether or not we are going to get quantitative easing or some signals on inflation target," she told AFP.

In its economic survey ahead of Tuesday's meeting, the Federal Reserve noted continued growth in national economic activity between mid-July and the end of August, "but with widespread signs of a deceleration."

The Fed has already pumped hundreds of billions of dollars into the economy since a home mortgage meltdown triggered the worst financial crisis in decades and plunged the economy into recession in December 2007.

Most analysts however do not expect the Fed to decide to inject more cash in what some calls quantitative easing, a further effort to spur growth with interest rates already near zero.

"If we don't get a signal that the Fed is continuing to do everything they can... we can be disappointed," Martin said.

"I don't think the market is really expecting quantitative easing next week, but they are expecting the Fed to acknowledge that conditions are weaker, and to signal quantitative easing in the next couple of months if the data remain weak." □



Promises of elitism, geekdom, betrayal and greed are fueling anticipation for the October 1 release of "The Social Network," Hollywood's take on the birth of social networking king Facebook. Facebook and its founder Mark Zuckerberg, pictured here in May 2010, have not sanctioned the film, which is based on the book "The Accidental Billionaires."

Facebook denies plans to build its own phone

By Alex Dobuzinskis

LOS ANGELES — Social networking website Facebook said on Sunday it is pushing deeper into the mobile phones sector, but denied an Internet report that it will build its own phone.

Privately held Facebook has more than 500 million users worldwide and the company already has applications on a number of mobile phones that tie into its social networking website.

But Jaime Schopflin, a spokesman for Facebook, said the privately held company "is not building a phone." Facebook's current projects include "deeper integrations with some manufacturers," he said.

"Our view is that almost all experiences would be better if they were social, so integrating deeply into existing platforms and operating systems is a good way to enable this," Schopflin said in a statement.

In a report on Sunday, the website TechCrunch.com said a source with knowledge of the project revealed that Facebook is secretly building software for a phone and working with a third party to build the hardware.

TechCrunch.com said Facebook wants to integrate deeply into the contacts list and core functions of a mobile phone, which it can only do if it controls the phone's operating system.

Facebook, for its part, cited Facebook Connect, a service to allow members to log onto third-party websites, for Apple Inc's iPhone, and contact syncing on its iPhone application as projects it has already undertaken.

In May, Facebook also launched a stripped-down version of its social networking website designed for mobile phones with limited bandwidth Internet connections.

"The bottom line is that whenever we

work on a deep integration, people want to call it a 'Facebook Phone' because that's such an attractive soundbite, but building phones is just not what we do," Schopflin said.

Facebook's denial comes after Google Inc last year dismissed media reports about its plans to build a phone, and then later came out with the Nexus One.

At the time, the company said it was focusing on developing its Android mobile operating software, which works on a multitude of mobile phones developed by other companies such as Motorola Inc's hot-selling DROID device.

But Google eventually did release in January its own smartphone called the Nexus One, manufactured by Taiwan-based HTC Corp. Google sold the device itself through an online store, but in May announced it was closing that sales outlet and said the store had not lived up to expectations. □

Microsoft, Yahoo! jostle for US search share



Google is the undisputed king of search in the United States. But who's number two? Yahoo! has long held that position but Microsoft has been creeping up and may even have leapfrogged the Sunnyvale, California, company in a competition whose goal is to turn more Internet searches into more advertising dollars.

by Chris Lefkow

WASHINGTON — Google is the undisputed king of search in the United States, but the question remains, who's number two?

Yahoo! has long held that position but Microsoft has been creeping up and may even have leapfrogged the Sunnyvale, California, company in a competition whose goal is to turn more Internet searches into more advertising dollars.

According to The Nielsen Co., Microsoft, led by new Web search engine Bing,

overtook Yahoo! for the first time in August to make it the number two search service in the United States.

Another digital tracking company, comScore, disagreed, however, releasing August search share figures just days after Nielsen's that had Yahoo! still firmly in second place.

According to Nielsen, Microsoft's Bing, MSN and Windows Live had a 13.9 percent share of US search volume in August while Yahoo! had a 13.1 percent share.

ComScore, for its part, said Yahoo! accounted for 17.4 percent of the US search market in August and Microsoft 11.1 percent.

Both click-counters agreed that Google remains the dominant player with a 65.1 percent search share in August according to Nielsen and a 65.4 percent share according to comScore.

So who's right -- Nielsen or comScore -- when it comes to the battle for second place?

"I couldn't say one's more accurate than the other," said Danny Sullivan, editor-in-chief of SearchEngineLand.com, a blog devoted to search.

"They've got their own formulas," Sullivan told AFP. "They both have their own ways of measuring exactly what they consider a search to be. For example, comScore will not consider anything that happens on a map page to be a search."

Sullivan said what's important for him is "not whether the numbers are exactly the same but whether or not the trends tend to be the same."

"It's not really 'Is Bing higher

than Yahoo!?' but 'Is Bing continuing to close the gap?'"

By that measure, Bing has made steady strides since it was launched in June last year, good news for the Redmond, Washington-based company founded by Bill Gates and better known for its ubiquitous software.

"You've got Microsoft, this big, huge powerful tech company, that's been trying to be the number two in search for a long time and they're finally getting there," Sullivan said.

"Part of the reason why you've seen them become successful in this way is that they found a branding (with Bing) that people could understand and latch on to," he said.

"At the same time, you have Yahoo! going through the opposite in some ways," Sullivan said. "They are not positioning their service as what would seem like a competitor to Google."

Microsoft and Yahoo! reached an agreement last year which calls for Bing to eventually power searches at all Yahoo! websites -- although for advertising purposes their

search share will continue to be calculated separately.

While Sullivan said it's difficult to precisely determine the value of a percentage point of search, it's a high-stakes game.

"The overall thing is the more that you can grow your share the more likely you're going to be able to tap into some of the millions and billions that Google makes off of ads," he said.

While Google can be expected to rule the search market for the foreseeable future, Sullivan said the Internet titan could see a mild erosion in its share in the short term, the result, ironically, of its own innovation, a product called "Google Instant" unveiled earlier this month.

Google Instant suggests results as a user types a query in the search box and displays them on the same page, eliminating the need to return to the search box if the initial query was unsatisfactory.

"You're only going to register one search under this existing system," Sullivan said. "So what could happen is Google's share could come down." □

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US-born panda gives birth to her 8th cub in China



In this photo taken Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, panda Hua Mei hugs her newly-born panda baby at the Bifengxia base of the Wolong China Panda Protection and Research Center in Ya'an, in southwest China's Sichuan province. The American-born panda gave birth to her eighth cub Friday, a rare accomplishment for the endangered species known for being poor breeders.

(AP Photo)

BEIJING — An American-born panda gave birth to her eighth cub in southwest China, a rare accomplishment for the endangered species known for being poor breeders. Hua Mei gave birth to

a male cub at 3 a.m. on Friday at the Wolong China Giant Panda Research Center in Sichuan province, the official Xinhua News Agency said Friday. The cub weighed 5.7 ounces at birth.

This brings the number of panda births at the Wolong center to 16 this year, equal to last year's total, the report said.

Hua Mei — whose name means China-America — was the first giant panda cub born in the United States in 1999, at the San Diego Zoo, after a decade of failed breeding attempts. She returned to China in 2003 and now has eight cubs, including three sets of twins.

Panda females have only three days a year in which they can conceive — one reason their species is endangered. Some males never succeed at natural breeding, so artificial insemination has become common practice when breeding captive pandas.

Pandas are threatened by loss of habitat, poaching and a low reproduction rate. Females in the wild normally have a cub once every two or three years. The fertility of captive giant pandas is even lower, experts say.

Only about 1,600 pandas live in the wild, mostly in Sichuan province. An additional 290 are in captive breeding programs worldwide. □



A space suit is mounted to a "suit port" on the outside of NASA's newest rover prototype Space Exploration Vehicle (SEV), on the last day of a two-week field testing of new aerospace technology at Black Point Lava Flow in the north Arizona desert....

NASA tests Mars-type rovers in Arizona desert

by David Anderson

FLAGSTAFF, Arizona

— It may not have all the creature comforts, but Aaron Hulse considers his space exploration rover a pleasant home away from home.

That is crucial as he and other NASA experts spend days together in the Arizona desert, simulating the arid surface of some distant planet or asteroid -- complete with a dormant volcano.

"You just have to get comfortable with being close in here," Hulse said, speaking matter-of-factly about the seven days that he and a NASA colleague spent recently living in the rover's cramped quarters.

"The seats fold down, and it's actually comfortable," said the 29-year-old, motioning to the living space behind

him as he piloted the six-wheeled vehicle sideways and backwards over rough and rocky terrain.

Hulse and a team of NASA engineers and scientists have worked many hours in the last two weeks in such maneuvers, putting the rover and other space vehicle prototypes through their paces.

"It's quite nice," Hulse said. "When we have some extra time, we watch movies, we play games, we can do whatever kind of thing we want to do," he added bringing the bumpy ride to a halt.

The NASA team has wrapped up its Desert RATS Analog mission, an intensive series of tests of new aerospace equipment and technology. This year marks the mission's thirteenth year, held at the Black Point Lava Flow test site in the northern Arizona desert.

The Desert RATS project, short for Research and Technology Studies, is part of ongoing research by NASA to develop cutting-edge space technology for use in future manned deep space missions. The project allows the US space agency to bring its work out of the laboratory to be tested in the field, where the steep hills and the dust from dry river beds duplicates the harsh conditions on the Moon and other planets.

"Coming out here allows us to really stress the systems," said Rob Ambrose, a project scientist. □

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Presidente Colombia acusa a senadora de legitimar el terrorismo

BOGOTA (Reuters) - El presidente de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, acusó el viernes a una senadora de legitimar "el terrorismo" luego que ella pidió al Parlamento Europeo presionar un diálogo de paz con la guerrilla al denunciar que el país es el mayor cementerio de América Latina y una fosa común. La congresista del Partido Liberal Piedad Córdoba también dijo esta semana en el Parlamento Europeo que en Colombia no hay espacio para la discusión política y que en el país hay 7.500 presos políticos por el simple hecho de ser combatientes guerrilleros. "Tenemos que rechazar en forma contundente esas expresiones que están legitimando el terrorismo", dijo Santos en un acto de Gobierno en la base militar de Larandia, en el selvático

departamento del Caquetá, al sur del país, desde donde se mantiene una ofensiva contra la guerrilla de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC). Córdoba pertenece al liberalismo, partido que forma parte del Gobierno de Unidad Nacional que lidera Santos, pero la legisladora mantiene una posición crítica y presiona por un diálogo de paz que permita poner fin al conflicto interno de más de 45 años que ha cobrado miles de vidas. "Nos duele que una persona que ostenta una dignidad como la que ostenta la senadora Piedad Córdoba, se vaya al Parlamento Europeo a decir lo que les acabo de repetir: '7.500 presos políticos por emitir una opinión', cuando todo el mundo sabe que aquí se respeta la libertad de expresión", afirmó Santos.



Foto de archivo del presidente de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, durante una conferencia de prensa en el palacio de Gobierno de San José, jul 23 2010. REUTERS/Kent Gilbert

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